



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Director

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The Honorable Bill Quirk
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 2421 – As Amended on June 4, 2020 – Support

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 2421, which would create a short term process to help expedite the installation of low-emission, emergency standby generators at already permitted micro-cell sites.

AB 2421 is a critical component to supporting the efforts of wireless service providers to install emergency standby generators before catastrophic events threaten Californians' ability to stay connected to emergency services when needed most. Most recently, unprecedented wildfires are requiring California to develop new strategies to preserve public safety and welfare. One proactive strategy is Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). In October 2019, three of the largest electric utilities implemented unprecedented power shutoffs that affected millions of Californians, and inhibited their ability to communicate to emergency services.

California's local permitting requirements are often inconsistent and lengthy. This runs the risk of preventing wireless communications providers from deploying backup power solutions to essential wireless communications infrastructure. In order to facilitate wireless network upgrades needed to mitigate the impacts of Public Safety Power Shutoffs, this legislation will help enable the rapid deployment of emergency standby generators at macro cell sites. These resources are vital for public safety and welfare to help ensure consumers maintain access to 911 services, wireless emergency alerts, and other public safety communications.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino support AB 2421. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

Curt Hagman

Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County State Legislative Delegation

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